

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 19-281

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JANUARY 20, 2012

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To establish a Commission on African-American Affairs to address the concerns of African-American communities with low-economic, -education, or -health indicators in the District, and to review and analyze the decline in population of African-American residents of the District as indicated by the 2010 United States Census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012".

Sec. 2. Establishment of the Commission on African-American Affairs.

There is established a Commission on African-American Affairs ("Commission") to advise the Mayor, the Council, and the public on the views and needs of African-American communities with low-economic, -education, or -health indicators in the District and to analyze the decline of African-American residents as indicated by the 2010 United States Census.

Sec. 3. Commission organization; members; meetings.

“(a)(1) The Commission shall consist of 17 public, voting members appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, pursuant to section 2(f)(49) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)(49)) (“Confirmation Act”). Public members shall be appointed who have shown dedication to, and knowledge of, the needs of the African-American community, and with due consideration for representation from established public, nonprofit, and volunteer community organizations concerned with African-American communities with low-economic, -education, and -health indicators.

(2) Public members shall serve terms of 3 years; except, that of the initial members, 6 shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, 6 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, and 5 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year. Public members may be reappointed, but may serve no more than 2 consecutive full terms. Terms for the initial public members shall begin on the date that a majority of the members are sworn in, which shall become the anniversary date for all subsequent appointments. When a vacancy develops on the Commission, the Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Council, pursuant to the Confirmation Act, a

successor to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

(b)(1) There shall be 10 ex-officio nonvoting members as follows:

- (A) The Director of the Department of Employment Services, or his or her designee;
- (B) The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee;
- (C) The Director of the Department of Health, or his or her designee;
- (D) The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, or his or her designee;
- (E) The Director of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- (F) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, or his or her designee;
- (G) The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his or her designee;
- (H) The Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools, or his or her designee;
- (I) The Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, or his or her designee; and
- (J) The Chief of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, or his or her designee.

(2) Ex-officio members shall develop and implement policies and programs in their agencies to ensure that the purposes of this act are fulfilled. They shall meet with the chairperson of the Commission at least quarterly each year to assist the Mayor in coordinating plans and policies which are beneficial to the African-American communities with low-economic, -education, or -health indicators in the District.

(c) The Mayor shall appoint the chairperson of the Commission from among the public members. All members shall serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement of expenses as provided in section 1108(d) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Official Code § 1-611.08(d)).

(d) The Commission shall develop its own rules of procedure.

(e) The Commission shall meet at least once every other month. The meetings shall be held in the District and shall be open to the public. A quorum to transact business shall consist of a majority plus one of the public members.

Sec. 4. Section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)), is amended by adding a new paragraph (49) to read as follows:

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

“(49) The Commission on African-American Affairs, established by section 2 of the Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, passed on 2nd reading on January 4, 2012 (Enrolled version of Bill 19-213).”.

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

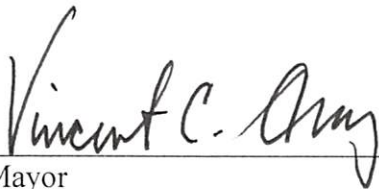
The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1- 206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 6. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D. C. Official Code §1-206.02 (c) (1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.



Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia



Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED
January 20, 2012



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Docket No. **B19-213**

ITEM ON CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION & DATE

ADOPTED FIRST READING, 12-06-11

VOICE VOTE

RECORDED VOTE ON REQUEST

APPROVED

ABSENT

ALL PRESENT

ROLL CALL VOTE - Result _____ (.....)

Councilmember	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Councilmember	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Councilmember	Aye	Nay	NV	AB
Chmn. Brown	X				Catania	X				Orange	X			
Alexander	X				Cheh	X				Thomas, Jr.	X			
Barry	X				Evans	X				Wells	X			
Bowser	X				Graham	X								
Brown, M	X				Mendelson	X								
X - Indicate Vote					AB - Absent					NV - Present, Not Voting				

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Secretary to the Council

1-9-12

Date

ITEM ON CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION & DATE

ADOPTED FINAL READING, 01-04-12

VOICE VOTE

RECORDED VOTE ON REQUEST

APPROVED

ABSENT

MENDELSON AND THOMAS, JR.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Result _____ (.....)

Councilmember	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Councilmember	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Councilmember	Aye	Nay	NV	AB
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